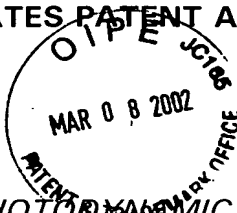


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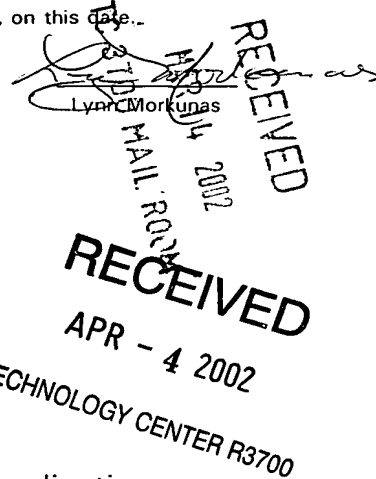
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 16-24, with the following paragraph:**

Recently, it has been reported that a relatively intense external laser light source might be employed transcutaneously to cause two-photon absorption by a photosensitizer at a greater depth within a patient's body, so that it is theoretically possible to cause a very limited volume of cytotoxicity in diseased tissue at greater depths than previously believed possible. However, no clinical studies exist to support this contention. One would expect that the passage of an intense beam of light through the skin would lead to the same risk of phototoxic injury to non-target normal tissues, such as skin and subcutaneous normal tissue, if this light is applied in conjunction with a systemically administered photosensitizer.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 17-25, with the following paragraph:**